

South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Head and Spinal Cord Injury (HASCI) Division

Funding for Specialized TBI/SCI Post-Acute Rehabilitation

WHAT:

SDDSN has limited state funding to pay for medical rehabilitation for uninsured or underinsured people with traumatic brain injury (TBI) and/or spinal cord injury (SCI) in CARF-accredited inpatient/outpatient TBI/SCI Rehabilitation Programs. These funds may be used in addition to, but cannot take the place of or subsidize any other funding.

WHO:

Applicants must be residents of South Carolina and must be uninsured or unable to access sufficient post-acute rehabilitation through private health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, Worker's Compensation, Veterans Administration, or any other payers. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older if they are getting Medicaid or could become eligible for Medicaid.

Applicants must have traumatic brain injury and/or spinal cord injury caused by external physical trauma and resulting in hospitalization or treatment in an emergency department and not congenital or due to a chronic, degenerative or progressive medical condition. *(TBI does not include anoxic or hypoxic brain damage, aneurysm, stroke, or dementia. Traumatic SCI does not include spinal column fracture, disc injury, spinal stenosis, or demyelinating disease.)*

Applicants must meet medical necessity and clinical level of care criteria as determined by a physician. Patients must be medically stable, be able to participate in and benefit from active rehabilitation, and be reasonably expected to have some degree of neurological recovery and/or improved functioning. Patients in coma, persistive vegetative state, or minimally responsive state are not eligible.

WHEN:

The intent is for specialized TBI/SCI rehabilitation to begin following medical stabilization and upon discharge from an acute care hospital or after diagnosis by a physician.

WHERE:

SCDDSN currently contracts with three facilities to administer this funding:

- Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Hospital (Greenville, South Carolina),
Telephone: 1-800-868-8871
- Carolinas Rehabilitation (Charlotte, North Carolina)
Telephone: 1-704-355-5869
- Walton Rehabilitation (Augusta, Georgia)
Telephone: 1706-826-5805

(Facilities operating CARF-accredited inpatient/outpatient TBI/SCI Rehabilitation Programs interested in learning about this funding may contact the Head and Spinal Cord Injury Division at 803/898-9798)

HOW:

Trauma centers, acute care hospitals, and physicians may refer patients to the facilities above. Potential applicants or their representatives may also contact these facilities for information.